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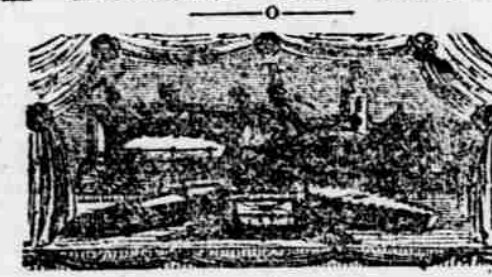
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## Wolves.

"The long, long gallop that can tire The hounds' fierce rage and quell the hunter's fire."

The fact cannot be concealed that wild flesh-eating animals are on the increase in Iron County. This arises from several causes, among which may be noticed the fact that a large number of people who formerly obtained a rather precarious living by a little farming and a good deal of hunting and fishing, and whose homes were on the outposts of the settlements, have gone to the public works or rented land in the thickly settled parts, so that the amount of wild range given up entirely to those animals has been increased. Cutting the large timber has given rise to a very dense undergrowth which affords fine shelter for them, so that panthers roam on Shepherd and Lewis mountains, and wolves howl and kill sheep within a mile of Ironton. In the west part of the county the killing of sheep by wolves has been extensive, and more recently, when the stock of sheep was exhausted, they took yearling cattle. Matters are so situated at present that the man who goes far into the bush without the means of taking care of himself is more foolhardy than wise.

It may interest some, especially the younger readers, to have a scrap of wolf-history. Wolves belong to the dog tribe, and their puppies come about the first of May. The mother stays at the den for about ten days, or until the eyes of the puppies are open, and then she goes out, suckled down and ravenously hungry, ready to attack anything that comes in her way. She is more dangerous than a panther. If a man cannot climb out of her way, then, if she kills any game too large to be carried, she takes them to it, so that the suckling season does not last long, and the mother soon regains her strength, and then she will fairly run down and wear out any other animal.

Wolves hunt in packs. The writer has personally known of cases where a number of wolves—say five or six—would post themselves in a very narrow shut-in, between precipitous hills, and then two of them would go out and chase in a deer. In running a deer, one wolf heads and another drives, so as not only to keep the deer moving but in a particular direction. But the great question is how to get rid of wolves. It is evident that all the plans hitherto tried have been a failure, because, under their operation, wolves have increased. Some persons insist that the bounty on wolf-scalps should be increased. Wolf-hunters are numerous, but wolf-catchers are very scarce, because to enter the field against a wolf and beat him at his own game requires more shrewdness and powers of endurance than most men possess, so that a man who cannot kill a wolf for three dollars cannot kill him for ten.

Others make an outcry against the dog-law, and insist that the only protection against wolves is the allotment of three dogs to every poor man and of five to every very poor man; in short, the poorer the man the more dogs. But the fact is, in a straight run there is not one dog in a thousand that can catch a wolf, and not one dog in five thousand that can do anything with a wolf when he has come up with him, so that the argument which makes the existence of wolves a justification for the multiplication of dogs is not conclusive.

It is evident that if the wolves are to be destroyed the present system must be abandoned. Men without dogs must enter the field, and the cunning of the wolf must be overmatched by the cunning of man, who must take advantage of the weakness in the character of the wolf. The business of killing wolves must go into the hands of those who will destroy them, not in consideration of the bounty on scalps, but for the greater safety of their farm stock, whilst those who hunt can destroy them without respect to the bounty, and take their pay in the increased number of deer, turkeys and rabbits. In short, the farmers must take the matter in hand, and depend not on dogs, but on traps and poison.

A cross, peevish, fretful wife is quite unhappy and makes her whole household so. But she is to be pitied; she is a sufferer from a multitude of female ills that have prostrated her, mentally and physically. She needs some great wonder-working iron tonic and female regulator to relieve the monthly troubles, and for this purpose English Female Bitters stand ahead of all others. They act upon the female system with unerring certainty, never failing to give entire satisfaction to married and single ladies. One bottle often cures a case.

## How an Ironton Typo is Enjoying Himself.

WOODBURY, PENN., June 15, 1882.

I arrived at this place on the 6th inst., and the three following days were spent in visiting relatives and friends and seeing the sights of the town.

On Saturday morning, accompanied by a friend, I went by train to Saxton, about seven miles north of Hopewell, and called at a relative's house. After spending several hours there, we took a walk of two miles and inspected what will be, when completed, one of the largest blast furnaces in the world. It is called the Powellton furnace, and is being built by Mr. Robert Hare Powell, a rich English capitalist. The main stack of this furnace is constructed of heavy sheet iron, is about thirty feet in diameter and seventy feet high. There are three hot-air stacks of the same height and twenty-five feet in diameter near the smelter. A stack 150 feet high stands outside the structure inclosing the other stacks. The engine, which, I am told, resembles the celebrated Corliss engine exhibited at the Centennial, has two driving-wheels each of which will measure at least sixty feet in circumference.

Saxton is not quite as large as Ironton, but is scattered over more ground. It is very hilly, and the streets are laid out without regard to regularity, but it contains some very fine buildings. Having returned to Hopewell, my headquarters, on Sunday I footed it to Riddlesburgh, and went through the furnaces, which are much larger than the one at Pilot Knob, and also looked at the coke-ovens. Then I went a mile further on, and spent several hours visiting with kinfolks.

On Monday morning, I got into a hack at Hopewell, and, after a ride of seven miles over a very rough road, arrived at Pattonville, near which place lives an uncle, with whom I remained over night.

The next morning I rode through the best farming portion of Morrison's Cove to Curry Station, and, after idling away several hours there, I went a short distance to another uncle's, stopping all night.

Accompanied by our relative, I took the train on Wednesday morning for Roaring Spring, Blair county, and called on more kinfolks. We also "went through" a paper-mill, and saw the piles of wood; the machines that chip or grind up the wood; the boiling-vats; the pulp in its different stages, and the nice white paper made of it. About twelve cords of pine, linn and spruce wood is made into paper every day by this mill. We took a look at the spring which gives the town its name. There is a nice park on three sides of the spring, with a dam in front of it, a dancing platform on the grounds, and seats scattered under the trees. It is said that during the season from two to three picnics are held on the grounds every month.

From Roaring Spring we returned to our uncle's, and, after dinner, I visited our relatives, living about a mile off.

On Thursday morning I took a carriage ride to Woodbury, the old home of my parents and grandparents, and was shown the houses they occupied some twenty-five years or more ago. Great changes in the place have no doubt occurred since then, both in its people and in its general appearance. The Postmaster here, David Kaige, was in Ironton when that town was first laid out, and will be remembered by many of the older citizens.

W. A. T.

## Bellevue Collegiate Institute.

In company with a party of the Valley's belles and beaux, we left Ironton on the 8th inst. to attend the closing exercises of the Bellevue Collegiate Institute at Caledonia, where we arrived, very dusty and somewhat tired, after a drive of eighteen miles through the beautiful Bellevue valley. We were kindly entertained by the ladies of the Evans House, and, after partaking of supper, we started forth to view the town.

Caledonia is a very pretty, quaint-looking place, situated in a valley, and has, we should judge, about 500 inhabitants. Although not large, it shows evidences of considerable wealth and culture.

We next wended our steps toward the institute, where the exercises were to take place, and had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Vandiver, Miss Lottie White, formerly a pupil at the Arcadia College, but now one of the teachers at the institute, and the Rev. J. H. Headlee. Repairing to the hall at an early hour, we found it filled to its utmost capacity, and it was with difficulty that we obtained seats. The hall was tastefully decorated

with evergreens, flowers and paintings. Over the stage was the inscription, "Vita sine literis mors est," while on one side of the stage hung a horseshoe and on the other a bell, both made of evergreens; near the center of the stage were quite a number of house plants, making it look like a beautiful garden.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the exercises, which were almost entirely devoted upon members of the primary department, were begun with prayer by the Rev. J. H. Headlee. Then came dialogues, with vocal and instrumental music between, the entertainment concluding with the cantata of "Gentle Eva," in which fourteen little girls participated. The programme was good throughout, and carried out in a manner to reflect credit not only upon the participants but their teachers. Miss Kittie Bowen, of Piedmont, was awarded the prize for elocution.

The commencement exercises proper, which occurred in the morning, we were unable to attend, but learn that the address by the Rev. J. E. Godbey, on the subject of "Faith," was an able production; and that the graduating class, composed of Miss Lizzie M. Marrow, Miss M. A. Sutherland, Miss Maggie J. Simpson and Mr. W. G. Eversole, acquitted themselves with honor.

The Bellevue Institute is growing in public favor each year, as shown by the increased attendance. The number of students enrolled during the past year was 146, of which 52 were non-residents, representing fourteen counties.

## The Missouri School of Mines.

We take the following extracts from the Rolla papers in relation to the ninth annual commencement exercises of the University School of Mines on the 8th inst. The Rolla Herald of the 8th says:

Hon. Thomas P. Bashaw, of Paris, Mo., and Judge J. W. Emerson, of Ironton, Mo., are registered at the Crandall Hotel. These gentlemen will deliver addresses before the students of the School of Mines to-day.

The same paper, in its issue of the 15th, says:

The School of Mines and Metallurgy closed its ninth session last Thursday. A large number of the friends and patrons of the school were present to witness the conferring of the degrees and certificates, and to listen to the addresses by the distinguished gentlemen who had been selected for that purpose.

Then follows a long description of the proceedings and the conferring of the degrees by Director Wark:

This was followed by the delivery of the valedictory by Beauregard Ross, one of the graduates, which was rendered in clear and distinct tones, and was very favorably received by the graduating class and the visitors.

The address of Hon. Thomas P. Bashaw, on "The Higher Education of the People," was plain and practical, and was listened to with marked respect.

Judge Emerson, of Ironton, followed with one of the finest addresses ever delivered in that institution. His subject was "Cosmic and Psychological Forces," and it was handled most forcibly and to the delight of his hearers.

Thus closed the exercises of one of the most successful terms of this institution. The school is flourishing, and, with a little effort on the part of the faculty, will open up next September with twice as many students as it has ever had before.

The Rolla New Era, in its account of the commencement proceedings, says:

Hon. Thomas P. Bashaw delivered his address on "The Higher Education of the People," which was well received.

Judge Emerson, of Ironton, was then introduced and delivered a very able address on "Cosmic Forces." The address was one of the finest we ever listened to. It was simply superb, and the conclusions reached were convincing, while the purity of the language used and the excellent manner in which it was delivered was something rare. We requested the manuscript of Judge Emerson so that we could publish it, but he thinks of putting all of his essays in book form, and did not want a premature publication of any part of them.

We have copied notices of the different commencements—and copy many others—because we feel some pride in knowing that one of our citizens has been able to gain honors for Southern Missouri, not for himself, and to demonstrate to the world that we are not the careless people our enemies at a distance represent us to be.

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